

Tensor Properties of Materials

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1. Basic principles

- Properties and variables
- Scalar and vector variables
- Tensor properties
- Crystal symmetry, Neumann's principle
- Transformation of coordinates, transformation of vectors and tensors
- Representation surface, principal axes

2. Second-rank tensors

- Thermal and electrical conductivity
- Electrical and magnetic susceptibility
- Stress and strain
- Thermal expansion
- Optical properties of crystals

3. Third and fourth-rank tensors

- Piezoelectricity
- Elastic stiffness and compliance
- Elastic properties of cubic and isotropic crystals

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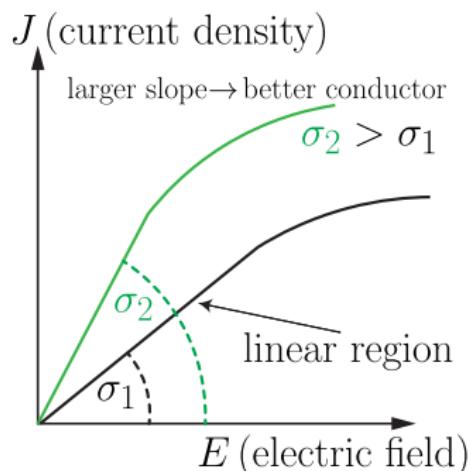
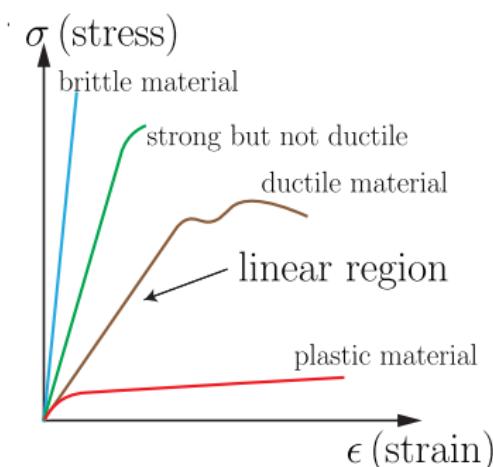
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- valid only in 1D – we need to go beyond numbers J , P etc.
- a physical quantity has both magnitude and direction
- linear relations in vector fields $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$

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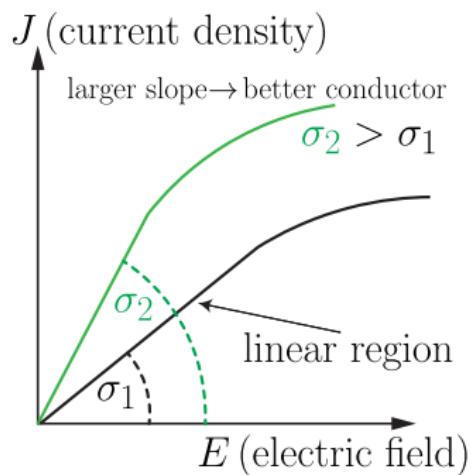
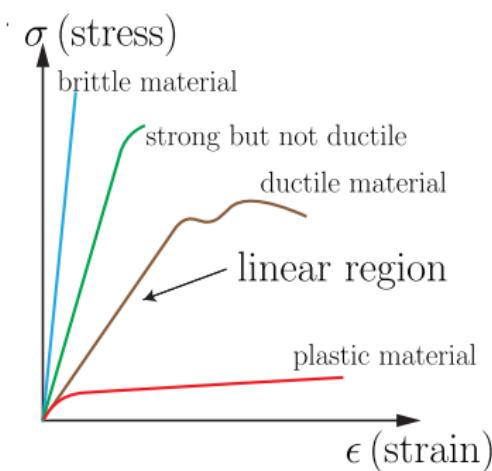


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- linear** but anisotropic material: we need to use tensors

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- small-grained polycrystalline materials: averaging
- some crystals: linear response in cubic crystals
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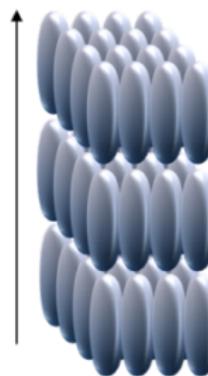


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**anisotropic material**

- macroscopic properties **depend on direction**
- liquid crystals
- fibre composites: wood, reinforced concrete
- single crystals: most crystal lattices
- need to write $\vec{J} = \text{tensor} \cdot \vec{E}$



Applications of anisotropy

anisotropy is the key to so many technologies and applications

Piezoelectricity

- quartz oscillators – clock frequency in computers
- gas lighters
- stepper motors and high-precision positioning
- sensors – microphones

Optical devices

- polarisers
- beam splitters

Liquid crystals

- LCD screen, displays
- watch
- etc.

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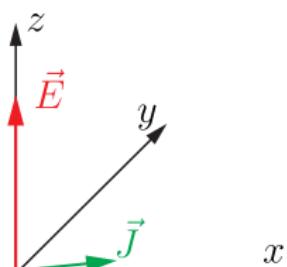
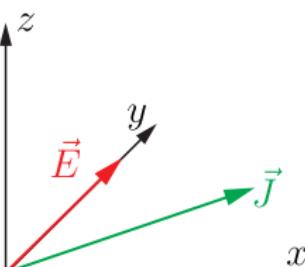
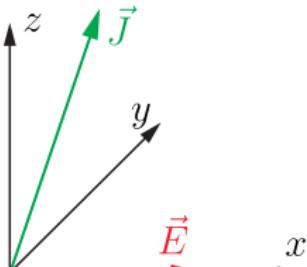
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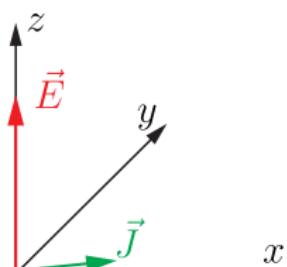
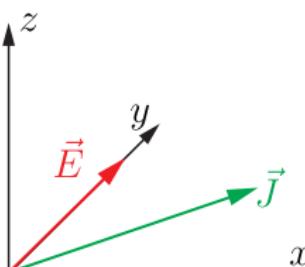
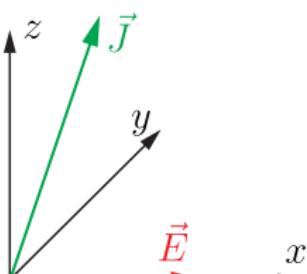
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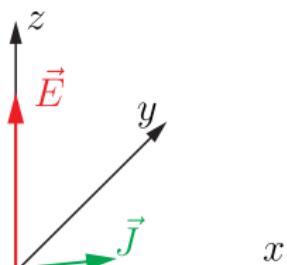
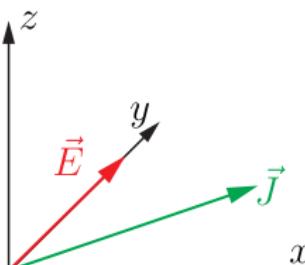
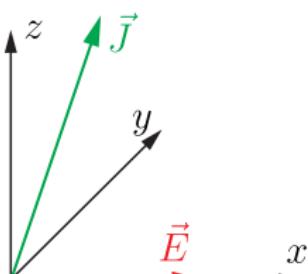
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- use compact **Einstein convention** or **matrix/vector prod.**

$$J_i = \sum_{j=1}^3 \sigma_{ij}E_j \equiv \sigma_{ij}E_j$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_1 \\ J_2 \\ J_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{13} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} & \sigma_{32} & \sigma_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is a tensor?

rank- r array of numbers

$r = 0$ scalar: T	$r = 1$ vector: V_i	$r = 2$ matrix: M_{ij}	$r = 3$ (3D) array: A_{ijk}
1 2 3	$V = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ i \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow V_i$	$M = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & & \\ i & \vdots & \\ & & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow M_{ij}$	$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & & & \\ i & \vdots & & \\ & & \vdots & \\ & & & k \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A_{ijk}$

- very useful in so many applications
- materials: express linear properties of materials
- machine learning: tensors are weights in neural networks



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- tensors (as well as matrices/vectors) express linear relations
- apply electric field twice as large $\vec{E} \rightarrow 2\vec{E}$ then effect $\vec{J} \rightarrow 2\vec{J}$
- **linearity:** if we make $\sigma_{ij} \rightarrow 2\sigma_{ij}$ twice as large, same effect

Summary of lecture 1

Basic principles

- cause-effect: linear relations used when cause is small
- anisotropy: macroscopic properties depend on direction
- cause vector is not necessarily parallel to effect vector
- in this case we used tensors to express linear relations

Tensors basics

- tensors, such as T_{ijk} , are rank- r arrays of numbers
- with materials we work in 3D and indexes run for $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$
- rank 1 and rank 2: we can use matrices and vectors
- for higher ranks we use Einstein convention: summation over repeated index is implied



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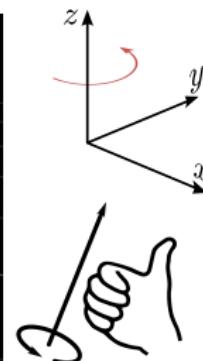
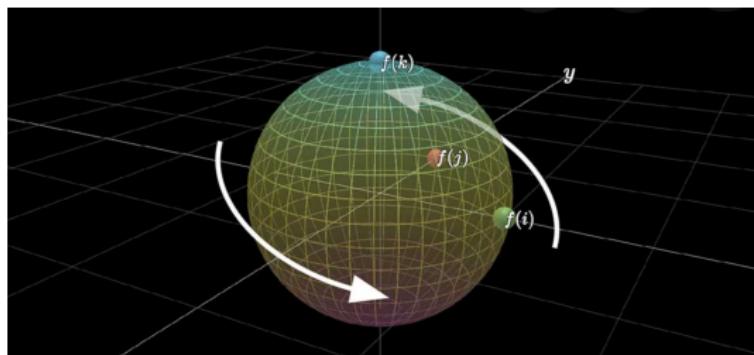
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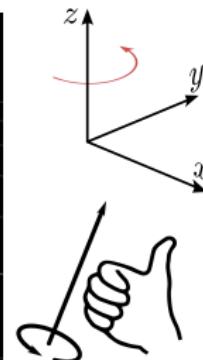
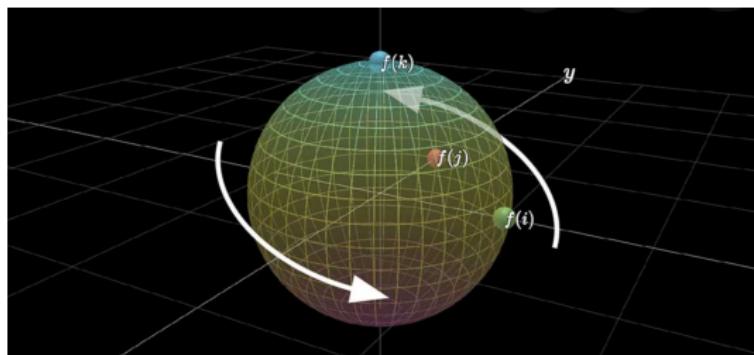


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- compactly describe rotations using rotation matrices

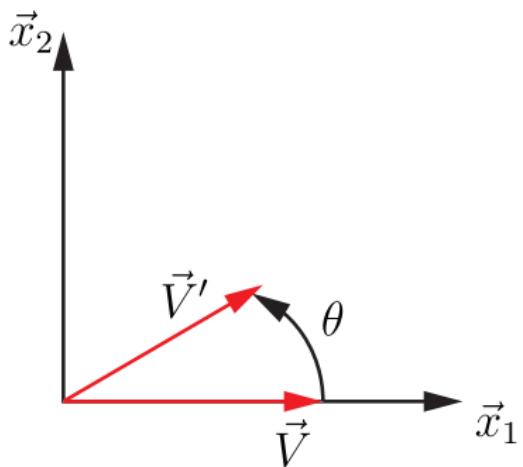
$$\vec{J}' = \mathbf{L} \vec{J} \quad J'_i = L_{ij} J_j$$

- computer graphics: rotate vectors whenever we move camera



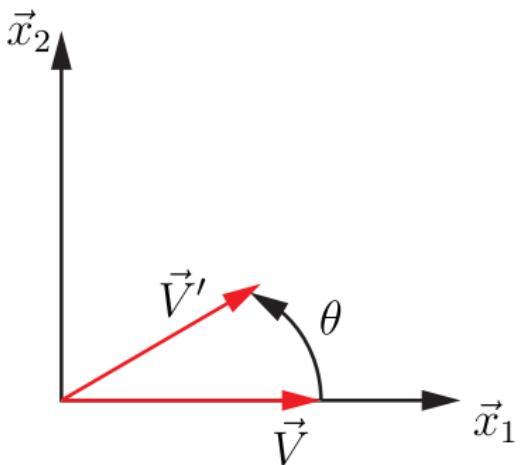
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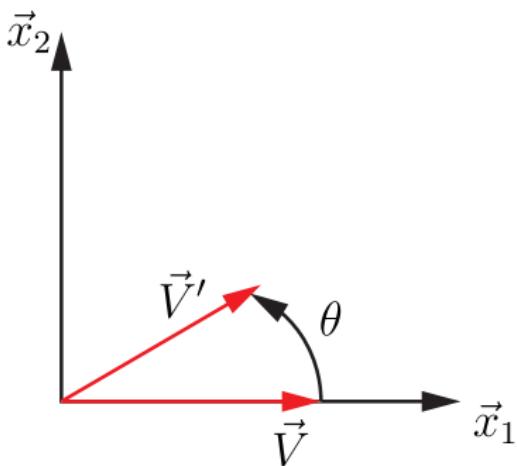
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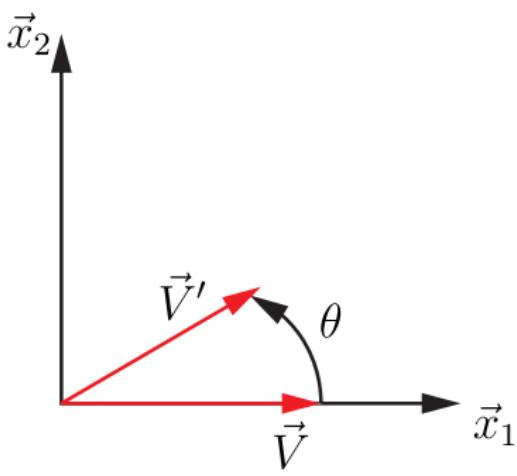


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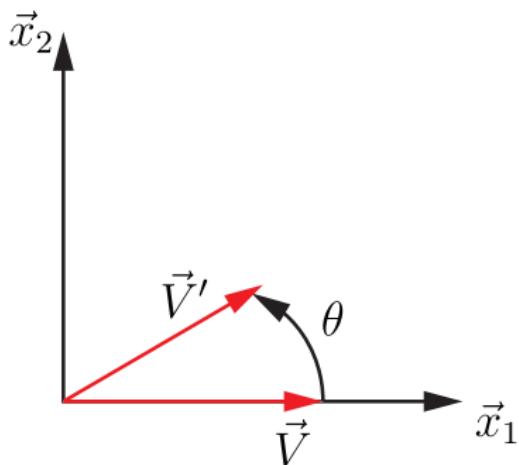
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- a general vector is just the sum $\vec{V} = V_1 \vec{x}_1 + V_2 \vec{x}_2 + V_3 \vec{x}_3$
- right-hand sides above must be column vectors of \mathbf{L}

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We can use \mathbf{L} to rotate all axes $\vec{x}'_i = \mathbf{L}\vec{x}_i$ (see colour in prev. slide)

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- $L_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ are scalar products between orig. and new axes
- **example:** θ_{12} is angle between original \vec{x}_1 and new \vec{x}'_2

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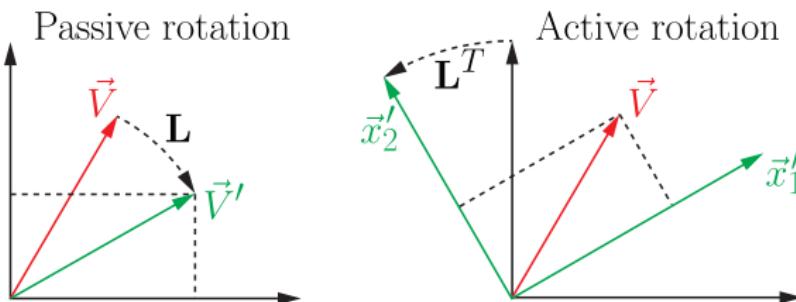
reminder: diagonalising matrices via eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{L} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}^T$$

- diagonalise **real, symmetric** matrix **M** with **real eigenvalues λ_i**
- here **L** contains eigenvectors of **M** as columns – orthogonal

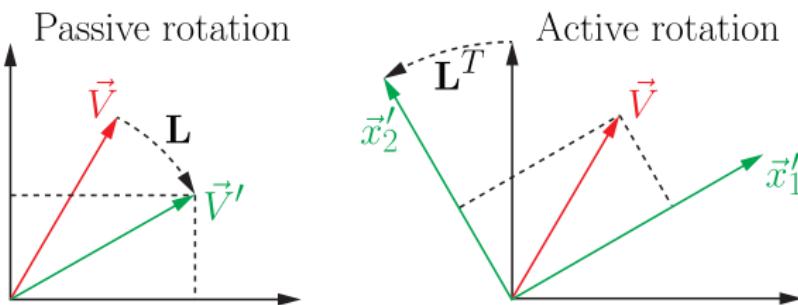
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remark: formal definition of a rank- r Cartesian tensor

- a rank- r array of real numbers $T_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r}$ as before
- transforms according to $T'_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_r} = L_{i_1 j_1} L_{i_2 j_2} \dots L_{i_r j_r} T_{j_1 j_2 \dots j_r}$
- when vectors transform according to $V'_i = \mathbf{L}_{ij} V_j$

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$$\vec{J} = \sigma_i^{pas} \vec{E} \quad \text{proportionality is a scalar } \sigma_i^{pas}$$

Summary of lecture 2

Rotations

- simplify description of anisotropic materials
- rotated axis vectors $\vec{x}'_i = \mathbf{L}\vec{x}_i$ are column vectors of \mathbf{L}
- active $\mathbf{L}\vec{v}$ equivalent to inverse passive rot of coord syst
- \mathbf{L} transforms tensors into new coord syst as $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{L}^T$

Principal axis system

- can always find a rotation that diagonalises a (symmetric) tensor
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- eigenvalues of the matrix are the **principal tensor components**
- cause and effect are parallel in the principal directions



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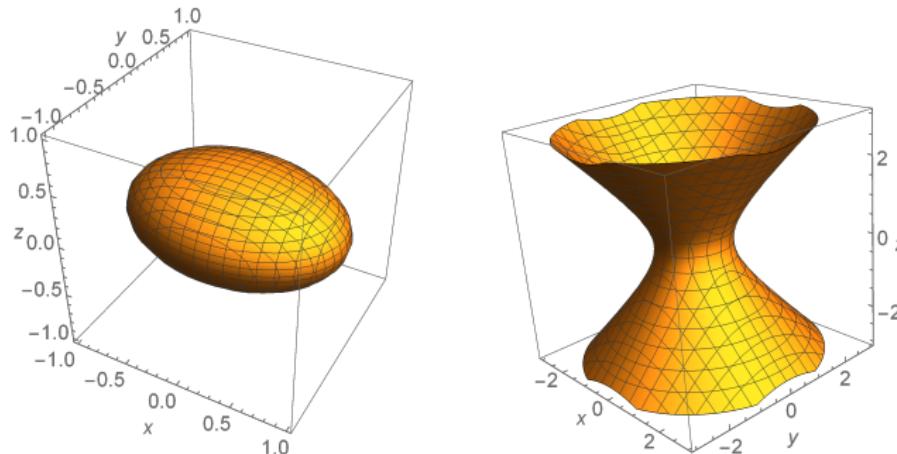
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Visualisation and crystal symmetries

- rotations are crucial for treating anisotropy
- rotation matrices are very useful for computations
- **but** tensors rather abstract objects → visualisation
- we now introduce intuitive visualisations of tensors

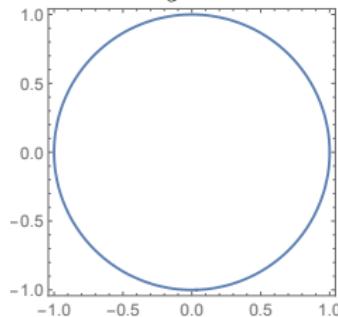


- single crystals have high symmetry
- this manifests in tensor properties

Reminder: surfaces via implicit equations

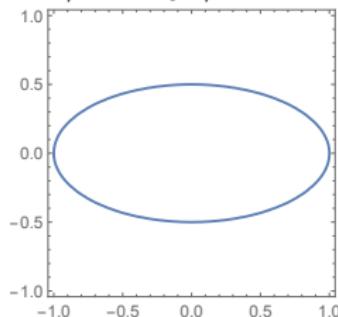
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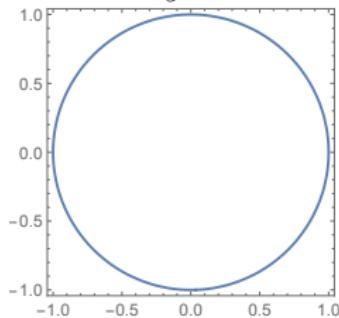
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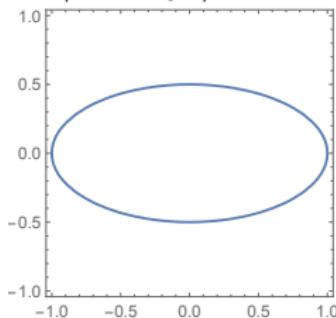
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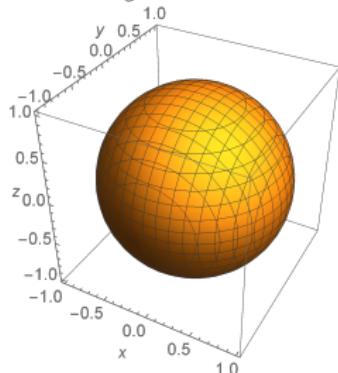
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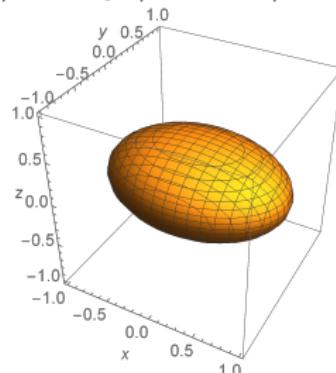
3D sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$



3D ellipsoid

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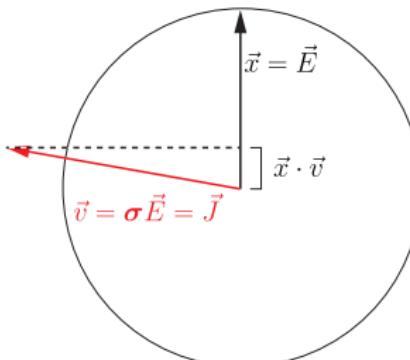
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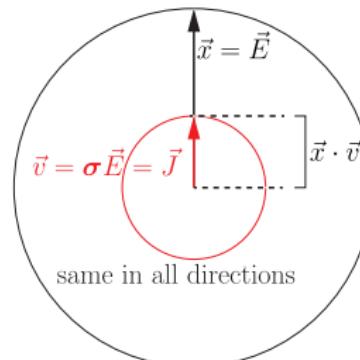
Example: apply electric field $\vec{E} = \vec{x}$

- then vector $\vec{v} = \sigma \vec{E} = \vec{J}$ is current density
- scalar product $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}$ is magnitude of parallel component

Anisotropic



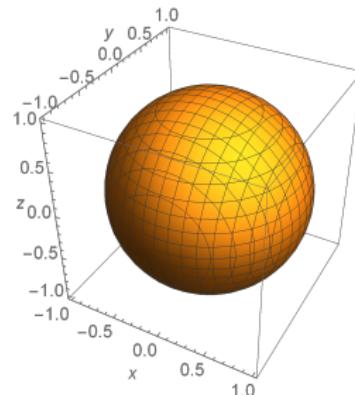
Isotropic



Examples of surfaces

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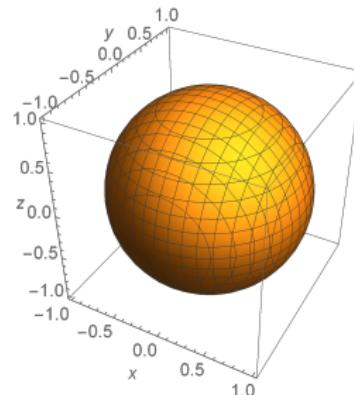
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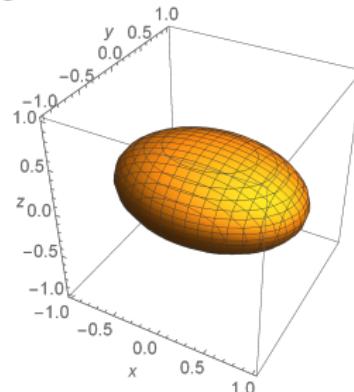
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Principal Axis System and positive eigenvalues

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- then $\vec{v} = \mathbf{T}\vec{x} = (\lambda_1 x, \lambda_2 y, \lambda_3 z)^T$
- ellipsoid: $1 = \lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 + \lambda_3 z^2$
- $a = \lambda_1^{-1/2}$, $b = \lambda_2^{-1/2}$, $c = \lambda_3^{-1/2}$



Representation quadratics

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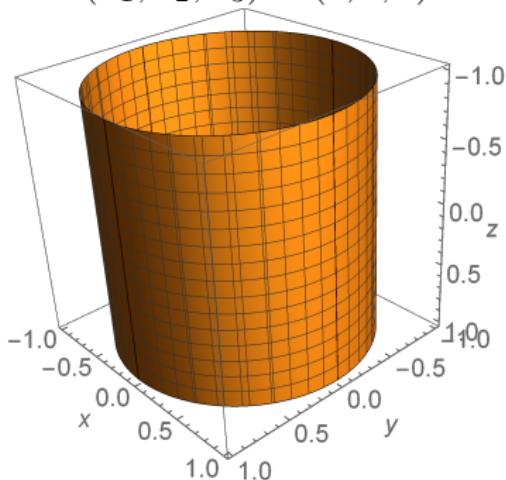
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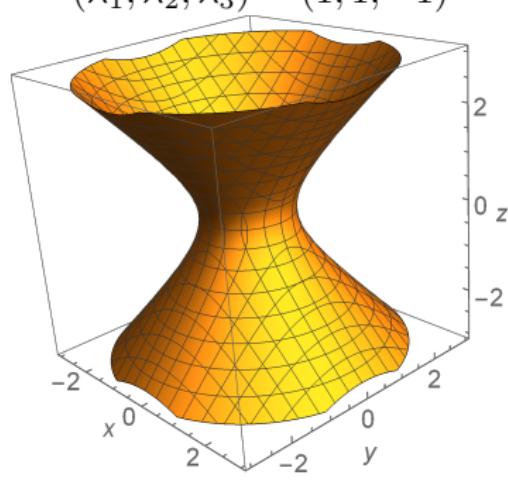
cylinder

one component zero
 $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = (1, 1, 0)$



hyperboloid

one component negative
 $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = (1, 1, -1)$



Rotational properties

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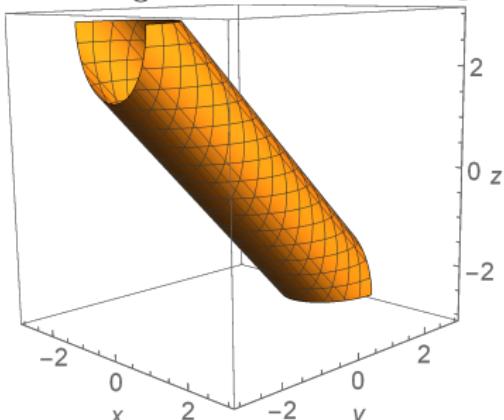
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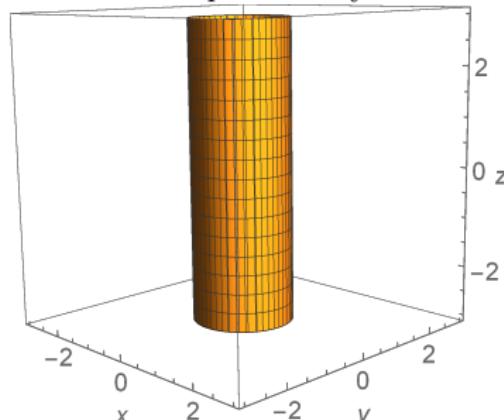
$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}^T$$

rotating \mathbf{D} with 45° around \vec{x}_1



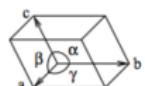
$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

in Principal Axis System



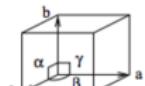
Neumann's principle: Any physical property of a crystal must include the symmetry elements of the point group of the crystal

- symmetry may be higher, i.e., more invariants, but must include at least those symmetry elements
- symmetry of a rank-2 tensor depends only on crystal system, but not on particular point groups
- representation surface of a tensor also inherits these symmetry components
- crystal symmetry axes determine principal directions, i.e., the principal axis system



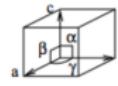
triclinic
(anorthic)

$$\begin{aligned} a &\neq b \neq c \neq a \\ \alpha &\neq \beta \neq \gamma \neq \alpha \end{aligned}$$



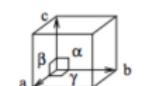
monoclinic

$$\begin{aligned} a &\neq b \neq c \neq a \\ \alpha &= \gamma = 90^\circ \\ \beta &\neq 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$



trigonal
hexagonal

$$\begin{aligned} a &= b \neq c \\ \alpha &= \beta = 90^\circ \\ \gamma &= 120^\circ \end{aligned}$$



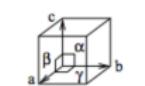
orthorhombic

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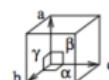
rhombohedral

$$\begin{aligned} a &= b = c \\ \alpha &= \beta = \gamma \neq 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$



tetragonal

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cubic

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Effect of crystal structure

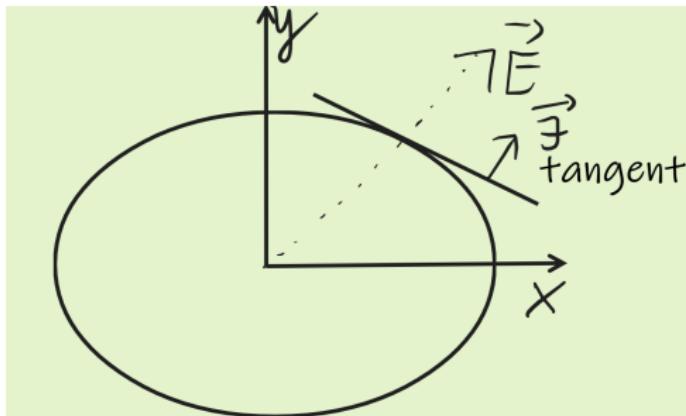
cryst. syst.	quadric orientation	params.	tensor
cubic	sphere	1	$\begin{bmatrix} T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T \end{bmatrix}$
tetragonal, hexagonal, trigonal	symm. around \vec{x}_3	2	$\begin{bmatrix} T_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T_3 \end{bmatrix}$
orthorhombic	$\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_3$ parallel to diads	3	$\begin{bmatrix} T_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T_3 \end{bmatrix}$
monoclinic	\vec{x}_2 parallel to diad	4	$\begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & 0 & T_{13} \\ 0 & T_{22} & 0 \\ T_{13} & 0 & T_{33} \end{bmatrix}$
triclinic	-	6	$\begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{12} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{13} & T_{23} & T_{33} \end{bmatrix}$

- monoclinic: 3 eigenvalues + 1 angle
- triclinic: 3 eigenvalues + 3 angles
- others: crystal axes define tensor PAS

Radius normal property

- recall the representation quadric surface $1 = \vec{x}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma} \vec{x}$
- in PAS it is $1 = \sigma_1 x^2 + \sigma_2 y^2 + \sigma_3 z^2$ with conductivities $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$
- the tangent plane vector is $\vec{t}(\vec{x}) = (2\sigma_1 x, 2\sigma_2 y, 2\sigma_3 z)^T$
- we compute as $\vec{t} = \vec{\nabla} F(x, y, z)$ where $0 = F(x, y, z) = \vec{x}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma} \vec{x} - 1$
- statement: $\vec{J} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \vec{E}$ is parallel with $\vec{t}(\vec{E})$

$$\vec{J} = (\sigma_1 E_1, \sigma_2 E_2, \sigma_3 E_3)^T \quad \vec{t}(\vec{E}) = 2(\sigma_1 E_1, \sigma_2 E_2, \sigma_3 E_3)^T$$



Summary of lecture 3

Visualisation of tensors

- applicable to symmetric rank-2 tensors
- surface: collection of points that satisfy quadric equation
- depending on eigenvalues of tensor we get different quadrics
- quadric surfaces: sphere, ellipsoid, hyperboloid, cylinder etc.
- quadrics transform naturally when transforming tensors

Effect of crystal structure

- Neumann's principle: physical properties of crystals must include cryst. symmetries
- therefore tensors include crystal symmetries via eigenvalues and eigenvectors
- these symmetries are also included by representation quadrics



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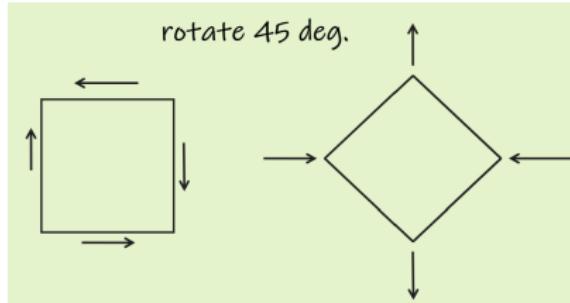
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Applications of tensors

- now equipped with mathematical tools
- illustrated concepts on linear response in anisotropic materials
- tensors expressed properties of materials
- example $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$

some more advanced applications of tensors

- mechanical stress and strain: tensor no longer property
- thermal expansion: cause is scalar
- stiffness via Hooke's law: tensor no longer rank 2

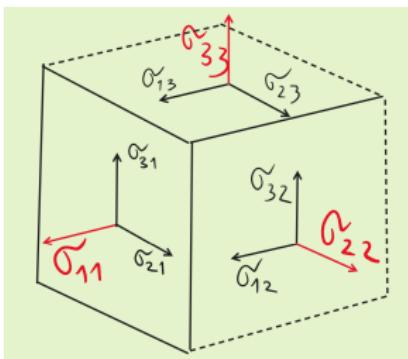


Stress tensor

- take any infinitesimally small cube of material
- traction vector \vec{T} is force per unit area
- that acts on the plane represented by area vector \vec{n}

$$\vec{T} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \vec{n} \quad T_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j$$

- above guarantees rotational property $\boldsymbol{\sigma}' = \mathbf{L} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{L}^T$ via Slide 19
- stress tensor is not a property of material: rather a variable
- equilibrium: tensile stresses equal but opposite $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(-\vec{n}) = -\vec{T}$



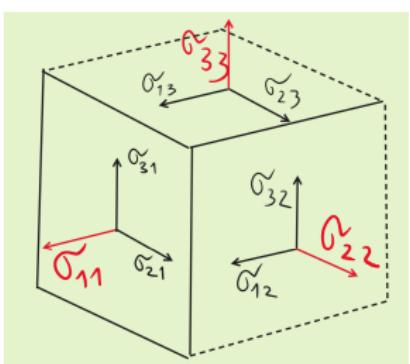
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- traction vector \vec{T} is force per unit area
- that acts on the plane represented by area vector \vec{n}

$$\vec{T} = \sigma \vec{n} \quad T_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j$$

- above guarantees rotational property $\sigma' = \mathbf{L} \sigma \mathbf{L}^T$ via Slide 19
- stress tensor is not a property of material: rather a variable
- equilibrium: tensile stresses equal but opposite $\sigma(-\vec{n}) = -\vec{T}$

Warning: row vector convention



- often **row vectors** as $\vec{T}^T = \vec{n}^T \sigma_{row}$
- need to use transpose $\sigma_{row} = \sigma^T$
- need to use inverse rotation \mathbf{L}^T for row vectors
- possible confusion: \mathbf{L}^T is inverse rotation in our convention

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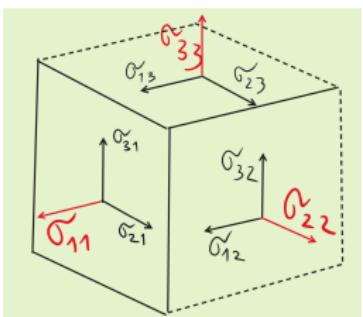
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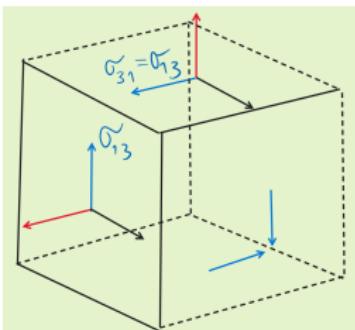
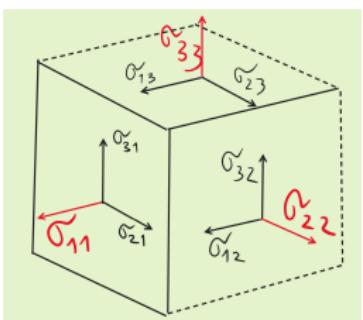
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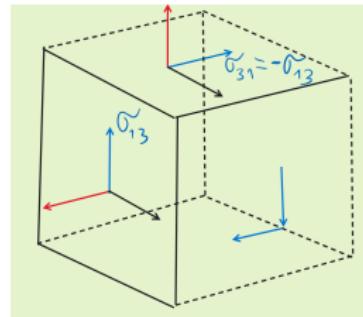
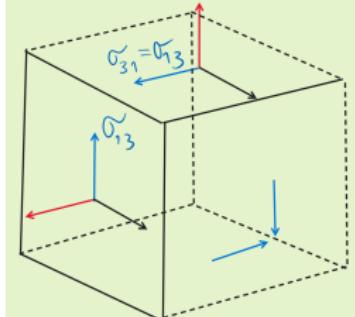
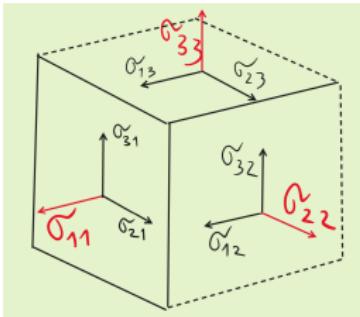
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rotation of the cube

zero in equilibrium



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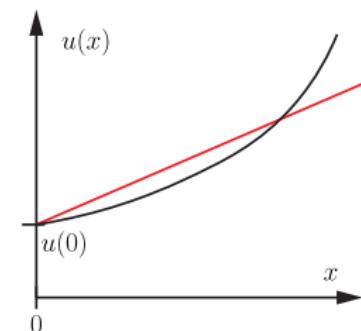
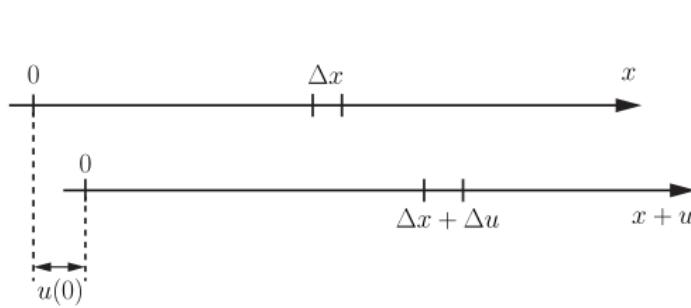
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remark: how 'big' is the stress? no obvious metric as with vectors
 matrix invariants: $\text{Tr}(A)$, determinant and matrix norms as $\text{Tr}(A^T A)$

Strain in 1D

length of small element Δx increases due to stretching as $\Delta x + \Delta u$



$$\text{strain} = \frac{\text{increase in length}}{\text{original length}} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x} = \frac{du}{dx}$$

- small element $(x, x + \Delta x)$ is increased to $(x + u, x + \Delta x + u + \Delta u)$
- strain ϵ is the derivative of displacement $u(x)$ wrt. position x
- **homogeneous**: derivative constant, global property
- Taylor expansion in homogeneous case: $u(x) - u(0) = \epsilon x$

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- diagonals ϵ_{11} , ϵ_{22} , ϵ_{33} are uniaxial extensions per unit length
- off-diagonals are shear strains – coordinate syst. dependent
- homogeneous case: $\vec{u}(\vec{x}) - \vec{u}(0) = \epsilon \vec{x}$

Pure shear stress and strain

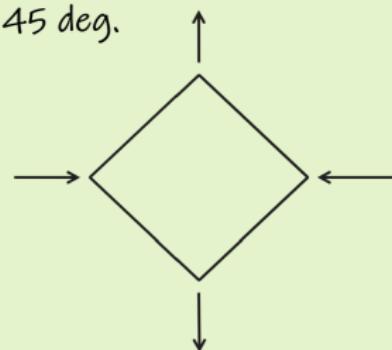
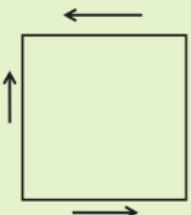
assume the pure shear stress and strain tensors

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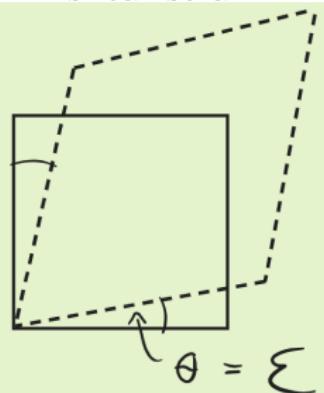
- both can be diagonalised by a 45° rotation of the coord. syst.
- two eigenvalues $\pm\sigma$ and $\pm\epsilon$
- for strain $\epsilon = \epsilon_{12} = (\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1})/2 = \tan(\theta) \approx \theta$

shear stress

rotate 45 deg.



shear strain



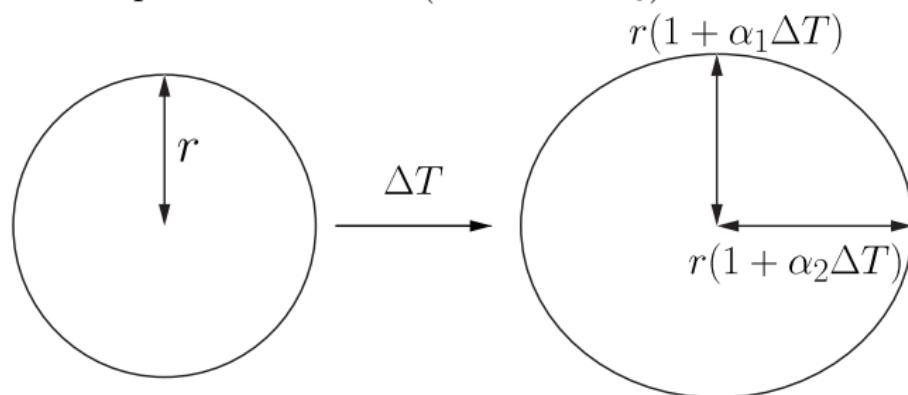
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- eigenvalues and eigenvectors contain crystal symmetries
- principal components $\epsilon_i = \alpha_i \Delta T$, e.g., along crystal axes
- α_i are typically positive, but can be negative
- volume expansion is $\Delta V \approx (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)V\Delta T$ an invariant



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- example: $\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$, therefore $c_{ijkl} = c_{jikl}$
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- in crystals this further reduces due to symmetries in ϵ_{kl}
- orthorhombic crystals: 9 entries, hexagonal crystals: 5, cubic: 3